(c) whether Government will be able to make up the slow progress in the projects; and

(d) if so, on what basis and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Total amount allocated for modernization of Indian Navy surrendered during last 05 years commencing from 1998-1999 to 2002-2003 is Rs. 2169.23 crores.

(b) The surrender of funds has been primarily on account of lesser outgo on committed liabilities due to delay in deliveries/slow progress of work by the firms on various projects.

(c) and (d) Constant efforts are made to monitor and implement projects in a time bound manner. However, technological and other constraints sometimes delay projects.

Situation along LoC

1044. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation at the Line of Control between India and Pakistan continues to be alarming as our troops were encountering from across the LoC trying to sneak into Indian side and unleash violence;

(b) whether intelligence reports from across the border indicate the thousands of militants are being trained in camps in Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(c) whether necessary steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The situation on the Line of Control remains unchanged. During the year 2001 to 2003 (till 22.7.2003) 947 terrorists have been killed at the time of their attempts to infiltrate/exfiltrate.

(b) Intelligence inputs indicate that approximately 3000 terrorists are being trained in training camps in Pak occupied Kashmir.

(c) Adequate military measures have been put in place to thwart Pak designs and intercept terrorist groups attempting to infiltrate into J&K.